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ENP#1F0031032 2/00/VCM/R99-72 SONGBIRD SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 7

AVS, AVN/OPER-HZ ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 320TH DIVISION ISSUE RECONNAISSANCE AND AFTER-ACTION REPORTS
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FOLLOW-UP NR. 7 TO 2/00/VCM/R72-72 (141435Z). ON 31 MARCH ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 320TH DIVISION STATED THAT A PLANNED ATTACK AGAINST ARVN FORCES AT HILL 838 (ZB 084091, 14-32N 107-46E) WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON 1 APRIL. ((1)) LATER ON THE 31ST, HOWEVER, DIVISION ELEMENTS BEGAN ISSUING AFTER-ACTION REPORTS OF ATTACKS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE SAME AREA AND ALSO ISSUED RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS PROBABLY FOR FUTURE ATTACKS. THE RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS STATED THAT TEN BUNKERS ON HILL 1049 (ZB 023075, 14-31N 107-48E) WERE STILL INTACT, \$ THAT NINE ADDITIONAL INTACT BUNKERS WERE \$100 METERS WEST OF THE ANTENNA MAST, \$ AND THAT THE PERIMETER WIRE AT HILL 1049 HAD BEEN RECONNOITERED. AN ATTACK AGAINST DOI LUA (UNLOCATED) WAS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR \$THE AFTERNOON, \$ AND, FINALLY, AN ELEMENT REPORTED THAT THE ARVN WERE STRENGTHENING FORTIFICATIONS AT HILL 838 AND SENDING ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO \$10299 (POSSIBLY HILL 1049). IN ADDITION, A COMPANY 6, PROBABLY OF A 25TH BATTALION, WAS ORDERED TO CARRY 28 120-MM MORTAR ROUNDS TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION BUT PROBABLY TO A DIVISION ELEMENT IN THE AREA. THE AFTER-ACTION REPORTS STATED THAT A COMPANY 10 HAD DOWNED ONE HELICOPTER WITH SMALL-ARMS FIRE AND FIVE HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN DOWNED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO AMERICAN ADVISORS HAD BEEN KILLED. ((1)) 2/00/VCM/R97-72, 311610Z. XXHH 400 08441 NNNN

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